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Letter dated 12 November 2007 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I write to you with regard to the appointment of the next Commissioner of the United Nations International Independent Investigation Commission ("Commission") established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1595 (2005). The current Commissioner, Serge Brammertz, has informed me that he will not be available to head the Commission following the expiration of his mandate on 31 December 2007.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Brammertz for his leadership in advancing the investigation and for his commitment to assisting the Lebanese Government and people in bringing an end to impunity in their country.

I hereby wish to inform the Security Council of my intention to appoint Daniel Bellemare, of Canada, as the next Commissioner. Until recently, Mr. Bellemare served as Deputy Attorney General of Canada and Special Adviser to the Deputy Minister of Justice. Prior to that, he was the Assistant Deputy Attorney General of Canada for Criminal Law.

I further wish to notify the Security Council that, under my authority pursuant to article 3 of the annex to Security Council resolution 1757 (2007) on the establishment of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon ("annex"), and upon the recommendation of the selection panel established for this purpose, I will appoint Mr. Bellemare as the Prosecutor of the Special Tribunal. He will, however, commence his official duties as the Prosecutor at a later date in keeping with the provisions of the annex.

In accordance with article 17, paragraph (a) of the annex, I am of the view that this approach will help to ensure a coordinated transition from the activities of the Commission to those of the Office of the Prosecutor of the Special Tribunal.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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